



Global War on Terrorism: Understanding the Long-Term Strategy

- Why Education is key -

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Why we need to educate our leaders

- GWOT requires educational commitment akin to our Cold War efforts.
- Due to the importance of ideology in GWOT, the military's role in countering extremist ideology, and emphasis on information operations
- We need to study culture from the warfighters' perspective.

Those engaged in the GWOT should be aware of the culture, customs, language and philosophy of the enemy to more effectively counter ideology of the terrorists. -- Gen Richard Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

GWOT Strategy--Defining the Enemy

- **We are under attack from a global web of enemy networks comprising:**
 1. Terrorist extremist organizations
 - Primary enemy: **Extremist Sunni and Shia movements that exploit Islam for political ends.**
 - Most dangerous: - **Al Qaida and associated extremists.**
 - One of the extremists' key instruments is terrorism - assassinations and murder of ordinary people.
 2. State and non-state supporters of terrorist extremist organizations
 - Some supporters are ideologically motivated, some are not.
 - Some supporters - corrupt government officials, criminals and others - forge alliances of convenience with terrorist extremists.
- Terrorist extremist organizations tend to be organized as networks; this makes them more dangerous than if they were organized in a centralized fashion.

National Strategic Framework for the GWOT

Ends

Overall Goal: *Preserve and promote the way of life of free and open societies based on the rule of law, defeat terrorist extremism as a threat to that way of life, and create a global environment inhospitable to terrorist extremists.*

Ideological support Funds

Comms & Movement Safe havens

Enemy

Leadership

Weapons

Foot soldiers Access to Targets

**Protect the
Homeland**

**Disrupt and Attack
Terrorist Networks**

**Counter
Ideological Support
for Terrorism**

Help create and lead a broad international effort to deny terrorist networks the resources they need to operate and survive.

Ways

Means

National, partner and international instruments of power

Military Strategic Framework for the GWOT

Ends

Strategic Goal: Preserve and promote the way of life of free and open societies based on the rule of law, defeat terrorist extremism as a threat to our way of life, and create a global environment inhospitable to terrorist extremists.

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Termination Objectives from the Contingency Planning Guidance (Classified)

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Ways

	Protect the Homeland	Disrupt and Attack Terrorist Networks	Counter Ideological Support
Military Strategic Objectives	Deny terrorists the resources they need to operate and survive.		
	Enable partner nations to counter terrorism.		
	Deny WMD/E proliferation, recover and eliminate		
	uncontrolled materials, and maintain capacity for consequence mgmt.		
	Defeat terrorists and their organizations.		
	Persuade, coerce, and when necessary, compel states and non-states to cease support for terrorists.		
Establish conditions that counter ideological support for terrorists.			

Means

Combatant Commands, Services, and Combat Support Agencies

Military Contributions to Counter Ideological

- Draft National Military Strategic Plan for WOT (NNSP WOT)
 - DOD does not have the lead for countering ideology in the USG, but DOD plays a significant role.
 - Military Strategic Objective: Establish conditions that counter ideological support to terrorism.
 - DOD's role falls into five categories:
 - Security
 - Information Operations
 - Humanitarian Support
 - Military to Military Contacts
 - Conduct of Operations

Critical to DOD's contribution to Counter ideological support for terrorism is educating our leaders.

This Academic Year:

Way Ahead

- Joint Staff briefs at schools
 - Nation Military Strategic Plan for War on Terrorism (NMSP-WOT)
 - Nature of Threat/Enemy
- Provide materials for school
 - Pamphlets & Task Lists
- Hold GWOT conference for JPME colleges/schools to educate instructors

Next Academic Year:

- Incorporate into Curriculum:
 - GWOT Strategy
 - Counter Ideological Support for Terrorism (CIST)
 - Nature of Threat/Enemy
 - Capacity Building for GWOT

ENDSTATE: Education akin to Cold War